

REMARKS

The present application previously set forth claims 1-34. The present amendments cancel claims 1, 15, 23 and 25 and amend claims 2-5, 10-12, 16-22, 24, 26 and 30-33 such that claims 2-14, 16-22, 24 and 26-34 are currently pending, and wherein claims 2, 21 and 32 are independent claims.

Applicants note with appreciation official indication that claims 2, 6-10, 12-14, 19-21, 27-30 and 32-34 had been indicated in the March 18, 2005 Office Action as having allowable subject matter and that such claims would be allowed if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response to the above indications, the presently submitted amendments rewrite respective claims 2, 21 and 32 to be in independent form including the limitations of previous respective independent base claims 1, 15 and 23 for clear allowance of such claims. In addition, the dependency of claims 3-5, 10-12, 16-20, 22, 24, 26, 30-31 has been amended to now variously depend from otherwise allowable claims 2, 21 and 32 for clear allowance of all claims 1-14, 16-22, 24 and 26-34.

Since the above amendments serve to cancel previously rejected claims and otherwise comply with the requirements of form for allowability set forth in the March 18, 2005 Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that such amendments comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.116(b) and should be entered in the subject application.

Inasmuch as all outstanding issues have been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application, including active claims 2-14, 16-22, 24 and 26-34, is in complete condition for issuance of a Notice of Allowance, and action to such effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at his convenience should only minor issues remain after consideration of this response in order to permit early resolution of the same or if he has any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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